

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Science and Technology

SUBJECT: Revised FY 1972 Budget Estimates,  
U-2 Aircraft Programs

Attached for your consideration is a proposed memorandum to  
*Director, NRO suggesting him*  
the ~~Office of NRO Comptroller~~ providing NRO with an additional option  
on above subject.

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Director of Special Activities

Attachment -  
As stated

NRO review(s) completed.

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, National Reconnaissance Office

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REFERENCE: Memorandum for the Director, Program D  
and Comptroller, DDS&T, CIA,   
8 September 1970

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1. This memorandum contains a recommendation for your approval.  
Such recommendation is contained in paragraph 6.

2. The following option is proposed for your consideration in  
addition to the three options contained in above referenced memorandum.

OPTION 4: (Agency Proposed)

	<u>AGENCY</u>	<u>DIR. D</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
U-2R Flying	5	5	10
U-2R Flyable Storage	1	1	2
U-2C/G Flying Transition or Flyable Storage	0	1	1
U-2C/G Dead Storage or Loan	0	9	9
U-2A/D/F Flying (AFSC)	<u>0</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>
TOTAL	6	19	25

3. The proposed Option 4 is in line with the 40 Committee  
decision for CIA and SAC each to fly five U-2R aircraft and for each  
to place one U-2R in flyable storage. It is basically Option 1 with all  
U-2C/G assets eliminated from the IDEALIST program. This option  
allows CIA to stop operating U-2C/G aircraft with attendant reductions

in personnel, logistic support, and operational costs associated with these aircraft. Additionally, parts common to both aircraft may be used for support for the U-2Rs of both programs. An estimated [REDACTED] annual reduction in costs results with this disposition of IDEALIST U-2C/G assets.

4. Under this option, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Three U-2Rs at Edwards AFB, California will maintain a world-wide staging capability and conduct the R&D testing, and training missions.

5. In event of continued indefinite deployment, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] the single U-2R in flyable storage must be reactivated and placed in normal operation. This will allow for the need to meet such requirements as continuing training commitments, and maintenance and testing schedules while fulfilling deployment commitments.

6. Recommend the additional option contained in paragraph 2 above, be considered in conjunction with the three options contained in reference memorandum.

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